



SUGAR DIRECTORATE

SUGAR MARKET NEWS

July 2023

Highlights:

- 1) Local Sugar Market
 - Ex-factory sugar prices
 - Wholesale sugar prices
 - Retail sugar prices
- 2) Foreign trade
 - Sugar imports
 - CIF value
- 3) World sugar market
Global sugar outlook

The Agriculture and Food Authority – Sugar Directorate produces a monthly newsletter that gives insights into the performance of the sugar industry in a given period. Attention is focused on local sugar production, wholesale and retail prices, imports, exports, sugar by-products and the global sugar market outlook. The July 2023 newsletter gives a comparative analysis of industry performance in the period January to July 2022 and 2023.

Total sugarcane milled by all sugar factories dropped by 10% to 395,232 MT in July 2023 from 436,694 MT in June. The drop is

attributed to closure of mills in the Western and Kisumu region, occasioned by lack of mature cane. Sugar made similarly decreased to 33,328 MT from 34,373 MT June.

Total sugar produced (bagged) in July 2023 was 33,246 MT, 2.4% down from 34,072 MT in June 2023.

Sugar sales in July 2023, also decreased to 33,339 MT from 38,102 MT in June.

Total closing stocks of sugar held by all factories as at the end of July 2023 dropped to 7,144 MT from 7,373 MT in June.

In July 2023, the average molasses price was Ksh 34,432 per tonne, up 20% from 28,627/tonne in June.

In July 2023, sugar cane prices ranged between Kshs. 5,200 and Kshs 6,086 per tonne with an average price of Ksh 5,445 per tonne, a slight increase from Ksh 5,365 per tonne in the June.

The weighted ex-factory sugar price for July 2023 averaged Ksh 9,537 per 50kg bag, up 15% from Ksh 8,312 per 50kg bag in June and Ksh 8,597 /50kg bag in May.

Wholesale sugar prices for July 2023 averaged Ksh 10,369 per 50kg bag, up 18% from Ksh 8,751 per 50 kg bag the previous month.

Retail sugar prices in July 2023 averaged Ksh 229 per kilo up from Ksh 206 per kilo in June.

Sugar imports in July totaled 27,179 MT, 17% down from 32,564 MT last month. The imports comprised of 21,261 MT Table sugar and 5,918 MT White Refined sugar.

In July 2023, CIF Mombasa landed values for imported white refined sugar averaged Kshs 92,950/tonne compared to Kshs 106,469/tonne for Mill White/Brown sugar.

According to the ISO July 2023 Market Report, the White Sugar Price Index averaged USD 672.59/tonne, down from USD 670.88/tonne in June.